



5-19-06

PTO/SB/21 (04-04)

Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0651-0031  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

IPa

## TRANSMITTAL FORM

(to be used for all correspondence after initial filing)

		Application Number	10/612,380
		Filing Date	7/2/2003
		First Named Inventor	Willimowski
		Art Unit	1745
		Examiner Name	Unknown
Total Number of Pages in This Submission		Attorney Docket Number	8540G-000160 (GP-302781)

### ENCLOSURES (check all that apply)

- |  |   |   |
|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fee Transmittal Form                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Drawing(s)   | <input type="checkbox"/> After Allowance Communication to Technology Center (TC)          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fee Attached  | <input type="checkbox"/> Licensing-related Papers                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Board of Appeals and Interferences       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment / Reply                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Petition   | <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to TC (Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief)   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> After Final   | <input type="checkbox"/> Petition to Convert to a Provisional Application               | <input type="checkbox"/> Proprietary Information  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavits/declaration(s)                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney, Revocation Change of Correspondence Address | <input type="checkbox"/> Status Letter  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Extension of Time Request                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Terminal Disclaimer  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Enclosure(s)<br><i>(please identify below):</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Express Abandonment Request                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Request for Refund   | <b>Response to Restriction Requirement and Return Postcard</b>                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement                    | <input type="checkbox"/> CD, Number of CD(s) _____                                      |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)              |   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts/ Incomplete Application   |   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53 |   |   |

#### Remarks

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required under 37 CFR 1.16 or 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 07-0960. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

### SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT

Firm or Individual name	Harness, Dickey & Pierce, P.L.C.	Attorney Name Anna M. Budde	Reg. No. 35,085
Signature	<i>Anna M Budde</i>		
Date	May 11, 2006		

### CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION/MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the USPTO or deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date shown below.

Typed or printed name	Anna M. Budde	Express Mail Label No.	EV 853 856 295 US (5/11/2006)
Signature	<i>Anna M Budde</i>	Date	May 11, 2006

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.5. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to 12 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.

EV 853 856 295 US



**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No.: 10/612,380

Filing Date: 07/02/2003

Applicant: Peter Willimowski et al.

Group Art Unit: 1745

Examiner: Helen O. Chu

Title: GAS CONTROL AND OPERATION METHOD OF A  
FUEL CELL SYSTEM FOR WATER AND GAS  
DISTRIBUTION

Attorney Docket: 8450G-000160 (General Motors Docket No. GP-302781)

---

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 25, 2006, requiring restriction between the claims, Applicants elect the invention of Group I, which includes claims 1-10. This election is made without traverse. Separate species were not identified for Group I.

Prompt and favorable consideration of the elected invention is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite

prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at  
(248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

Anna M Budde  
Anna M. Budde  
Registration No. 35,085

May 11, 2006  
Harness, Dickey & Pierce, P.L.C.  
P.O. Box 828  
Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48303  
(248) 641-1600